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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

YOWIE NORTH AMERICA, INC. and HENRY M. WHETSTONE, JR.,

Plaintiffs.

VS.

CANDY TREASURE, LLC; and KEVIN GASS,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 13-CV-1906 BEN (JMA)

ORDER DENYING EMERGENCY MOTION TO FILE SUR-REPLY AND SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION OF KEVIN GASS IN OPPOSITION TO MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION

[Docket No. 47]

Presently before the Court is Defendants' Emergency Motion to File Sur-Reply and Supplemental Declaration of Kevin Gass in Opposition to Motion for Preliminary Injunction. (Docket No. 47.) Defendants seek leave to file a response to Plaintiffs' Reply in Support of the Motion for Preliminary Injunction, arguing that Plaintiffs presented new evidence in their Reply.

Where a reply brief presents new evidence, "the district court should not consider the new evidence without giving the [non-]movant an opportunity to respond." *Provenz v. Miller*, 102 F.3d 1478, 1483 (9th Cir. 1006) (internal quotation marks omitted). However, evidence submitted with a reply brief is not new evidence when it is submitted to rebut arguments raised in the opposition brief. *EEOC v. Creative Networks, LLC*, No. CV-05-3032, 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 103381, at \*6 (D. Ariz. Dec. 12, 2008). Here, a review of the Reply as well as the supporting

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declarations reveals that the evidence submitted is not new evidence, but rather is responsive to the arguments raised in the opposition brief. Accordingly, Defendants' Emergency Motion is **DENIED**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: December 2, 2013

HON KOGER T. BENITEZ United States District Judge